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# The Student Societies

*The following article gives a short account of the activities, organization, and status of most of the student societies of the College of Engineering. We regret that it was impossible to get the necessary information on a few groups. We hope, however, that this will afford the students a means of becoming better acquainted with the undergraduate affairs of the College.*

## Keramos

Keramos is a national ceramic honorary, whose purpose is carrying on of investigation along ceramic lines.

Of the students enrolled in the Ceramic Department, a certain percentage of the sophomore, junior and senior classes is eligible for membership each spring quarter.

Meetings are held at least once a month, and oftener when the group, which is quite active, is working on ceramic problems.

Officers are: Carl D. Croskey, Pres., James M. Cayford, Vice Pres., Harold N. Reed, Sec., and Stanford E. Thal, Treas. Professor Arthur S. Watts acts as faculty adviser.

## American Ceramic Society

Membership in the American Ceramic Society, Student Branch, is open to all sophomore, junior and senior students enrolled in the Ceramic Department.

The purpose of the organization is promotion of interest in practical ceramics. Meetings, at which speakers from industry are heard, are held once a month.

Officers are: John F. Herold, Pres., Everett C. Hite, Vice Pres., and Phillip H. Lieder, Sec. and Treas. Professor Arthur S. Watts is faculty adviser.

## Tau Beta Pi

Twenty-two seniors and three juniors were initiated into Tau Beta Pi, senior engineering honorary, at an initiation banquet held December 10. Dr. R. H. Rowntree, of the Department of Economics, was the speaker.

Members of Tau Beta Pi are selected from the upper fourth of the senior engineering class and from the upper eighth of the junior engineering class.

The organization is honorary, but active, and every year presents a slide rule to the freshman engineer who has made the highest point average.

Officers are: C. Addison Hempstead, Pres., Harold D. Kaufman, Vice Pres., Richard K. Lee, Corresponding Sec., Edwin M. Sherwood, Recording Sec., Edmon S. Freshwater, Treas., and Max R. Geer, Cataloguer.

## American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Professor John Younger addressed the Student Branch of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at a dinner meeting Thursday, December 14, on the subject, "How to Handle Men."

The group has not only chemical engineers for speakers at its meetings, but also those prominent in other fields of endeavor.

Every year the organization presents a membership to the freshman chemical engineer having the highest scholastic standing, and it also engages in several athletics as a group.

Officers are: Harold D. Kaufman, Pres., Edwin J. Corell, Vice Pres., Edwin A. Harper, Sec., and Walter A. Barres, Treas.

## American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Henry M. Prentice is Chairman, Lowell L. Goard is Vice-Chairman, Cecil R. Royer is Secretary, Fred A. Bilhardt is Treasurer, and Prof. F. W. Marquis is Faculty Adviser. This is the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The purpose of this organization is to study various phases of mechanical engineering along with its developments. It also takes inspection trips. It holds joint meetings with S. A. E. These two groups alternate in the supervision of programs.

## Eta Kappa Nu

Eta Kappa Nu is an honorary electrical engineering fraternity open to students in electrical engineering who have attained averages of 2.5 or better. Two pledgings and two initiations are held every year.

Gamma chapter, at Ohio State, won the activities award of the New York alumni chapter the first year the award was made, 1932-33.

Dinner meetings are held on an average of once every two weeks. The organization takes part in all departmental activities and every year sponsors a hard times party, open to the department, a spring picnic and several smokers.

A handbook award is made every year to the sophomore student with the highest scholastic standing.

Officers are: Robert A. Young, Pres., Richard R. Kilgore, Vice Pres., James G. Bonnar, Treas., Walter R. Ankrom, Rec. Sec., Howard A. Shumaker, Cor. Sec., and William I. Truxal, News Editor.

## **The Glider Club**

John F. Cunningham, President; James M. Wickham, Vice-President; George H. Geil, Secretary; Frank P. Marquis, Treasurer; Victor A. Ketcham, Publicity Director; and Peter Morrison, Faculty Adviser.

Membership in this organization is open to anyone in the university. Its general purpose is flying as a sport and any knowledge picked up is secondary. The members have a regular meeting every two or three weeks, but they fly every Saturday and Sunday. An attempt is made to have outstanding speakers at the dinner meetings which are planned in the future.

The club does most of its own work on the gliders. The members received the necessary training under the direction of last year's adviser, Prof. A. J. Fairbanks, who is an expert on wings. The actual flying is done by towing the glider behind a car. This method is preferred because of the lack of hills near Columbus, and because its flights may be made oftener. The length of the tow wire varies, since it must be shorter with beginners. The more experienced men have used one three hundred feet long, and hope to work up to a length of five hundred feet.

## **American Society of Civil Engineers**

It is composed of Civil Engineers along with some Architectural Engineers. Membership is limited to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. The society plans to hold meetings at least once a month—usually on the second Wednesday. It attempts to have a speaker at each meeting.

The officers are as follows: Wayne C. Fischer, President; Joe M. Bowen, Vice-President; Elmer S. Barrett, Senior Representative to the Engineers' Council; Clarence W. Lafe, Junior Representative to the Engineers' Council; William E. Knox, Secretary-Treasurer; and George Weiland, Jr., Publicity Chairman. The Faculty Adviser is Professor Clyde T. Morris.

At the last meeting, which was December 11, 1933, the speaker was Mr. Ammenn, Chief Engineer of the Port of New York Authority. His subject was "Interstate Vehicular Crossings Between New York and New Jersey at New York City." Over a hundred and fifty attended this meeting which was held in conjunction with the Central Ohio Board in the lecture hall of the Chemistry Building.

## **Prospectors' Club**

Jack O. Jones, President; Paul E. Machovina, Secretary-Treasurer; Prof. H. E. Nold, Faculty Adviser.

Membership in this organization is limited to mining engineers. Its purpose is the stimulation of the interest of engineers in mining by a discussion and study of mining methods and developments. The club plans to hold meetings about once every three weeks, although this schedule is modified according to the availability of speakers.

At the last meeting, Mr. E. I. Brown, Superintendent of the South American Gold and Platinum Company, spoke on mining developments in South America.

## **Society of Automotive Engineers**

This is the local branch of the Senior Society of Automotive Engineers. It is interested in the following fields: Aircraft, Aircraft engines, Diesel engines, motor trucks, motor coaches, passenger cars, production and maintenance engineering, and marine engineering. The Senior society deals with standardizations, research, and publications.

Charles J. Manney is Chairman of the local society. Lester W. Kale is Vice-Chairman, and Edward W. Cordell is Secretary-Treasurer. The faculty adviser is Professor K. W. Stinson, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The purpose of the society is the presentation of technical subjects, and the development and exposition of fields. It holds a meeting every Friday at four o'clock at which Junior and Senior attendance is required. One dance is held each year in combination with A.S.M.E., as well as a picnic in the Spring. Several dinner meetings are held, at which some prominent man is invited to speak.

The most prominent speaker so far this year was Raymond R. Fowler, who is a high compression research engineer with the Ethyl Corporation. Mr. Fowler spoke on high compression fuels and motors. Tentative speakers are C. L. Cummins of the Cummins-Diesel Co., and Col. Daniel Van Vorhees of the only mechanized cavalry unit in the United States Army.

The local society takes inspection trips to plants, proving grounds, and other points of interest as a regular part of its program. It also sends as many delegates as possible to the meeting of the National Society in Detroit every January.

## **Texnikoi**

Membership in Texnikoi, senior engineering honorary, is based on participation in campus activities. It is limited to fifteen men, chosen at the end of each year from the Junior and Senior classes.

Officers of the organization are: Dorris L. Briegel, Pres., Robert D. Rush, Vice Pres., and Victor T. Tanski, Sec.-Treas.

## **Architects' Club**

Officers are as follows: David W. Edward, President; Leo Rovetar, Vice-President; William Boyd, Secretary; and Robert Rush, Treasurer; Mr. Galen Oman, Faculty Adviser; and Marcus Walters, Program Chairman.

The purpose of the club is to promote better feeling between the architects and between students and faculty and to bring about a better understanding of problems and arrangements. Meetings are held every Wednesday.

The last meeting was held jointly with the American Institute of Architects on December 13, 1933, to discuss the possibility of holding a Beaux Arts Ball this year. Mr. Kempton, Secretary of the A. I. A.; Howard D. Smith, University Architect; and Galen Oman spoke.